

Halifax, January 5, 2013

Dear President Traves,

**Re: Dalhousie Varsity Womens' Hockey Team Hazing Investigation**

We are writing to you to follow up on our meeting with you on January 3, 2013. At the meeting, you informed us that all members of the Dalhousie Varsity Womens' Hockey Team, other than first year players, would be suspended from the Team for the balance of the season as a result of Dalhousie's investigation of our traditional rookie party.

As you might expect, the Team is more than devastated by the University's decision. The game of hockey is part of our heart and soul and the Team is our second family. We have worked hard for most of our lives to become elite hockey players and have been proud to represent Dalhousie playing the sport we love. Although we have legitimate and significant concerns with the way that the investigation was conducted as well as the conclusions reached, we now understand that some of the activities carried out during the rookie party may have breached the Dalhousie Code of Conduct. To the extent that breaches did occur, we sincerely apologize - we did not intend to violate any Dalhousie rules. But above all, we assure you that we would never wish, and certainly did not intend, any harm upon our fellow players.

Mr. Crosby has indicated to the press that your decision may be appealed through the Courts and we are indeed preparing to go that route. However, Mr. Crosby also suggested that you would be open to a personal appeal from the Team. This letter is more than an appeal - it is a heart-felt plea from each and every member of the Team to permit us to return to the ice as soon as possible.

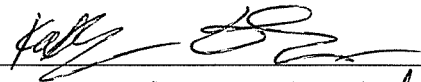
We have learned several valuable lessons through these unfortunate events and would like to take the opportunity to share these lessons with Dalhousie and the community at large. In this regard, we are prepared to demonstrate our serious commitment by working in partnership with the University to help end bullying and hazing on campus and beyond. However, we believe that we can most effectively do this if we are allowed to continue to play hockey for Dalhousie this year. If you will permit us to wear our Black and Gold, we promise you that we will do Dalhousie proud. Our proposal is consistent with the outcome of the Laurier University Varsity Mens' Baseball team hazing investigation this past fall.

Our strong preference is to resolve this matter outside the Courts. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience so that together we can show strong leadership at the rink and in the wider Dalhousie community.

Sincerely,

Dalhousie Varsity Womens' Hockey Team

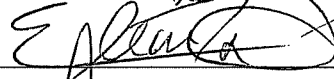
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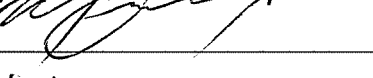
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# 12 Halie MacDonald

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# 14 Miranda McMillan

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# 15 Kayla Ogilvie

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# 16 Fielding Montgomery

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# 17 Sarah McVey

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